



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re: Application of: Hiroyuki ABURATANI et al.

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For: **A METHOD FOR DIAGNOSING CANCER BY  
DETECTING GPC3**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for a two-month extension of time, and fee, accompany this Reply

In response to the Office Action of September 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.